1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
25. Mizoram	7.13	15.46	8.80		9.60	5252.09
26. Nagaland	36.00	3.31	35.00		38.80	76.28
27. Tripura						
28. Sikkim	8.00	33.58	6.60		960	16.27
29. Delhi *f*		576.52	365.69	20.72	390.00	1715.12
30. Pondicherry				0.00		
31. A & N Island						
32. Dadra & Nagar Haveli						
33. Chandigarh		50.49	46.00			11.92
34. Lakshadweep						
35. Daman & Diu						
Grand Total	4153.66	4102.12	6234.49	977.65	6439.65	437581.80

Increase in AIDS Patients in the Country

†1377. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTI LAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of AIDS patients is constantly increasing in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 28 patients have been found HIV positive in Gaya District of Bihar; and

(c) if so, the effective measures taken by Government for prevention of AIDS in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. As per the report received from Gaya district of Bihar, 27 HIV positive patients have been detected in Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre located in District Hospital, Gaya since January 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, Govt, of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme under following components:-

- Preventive interventions for high-risk populations through targeted interventions adopting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counseling and behaviour change communication.
- Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntary counselling and testing services, Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT), Information Education and Communication (IEC).
- Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections, free Antiretroviral therapy in designated centres and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.
- Build technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation. Technical Resource Groups, operational research and Programme management.

Hardships faced by Government employees in private hospitals

1378. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serving employees of the Central Government have to pay first for their treatment in private hospitals, if referred by CGHS, and then make their claims for refunds later;

(b) whether Government employees are put to hardship under this rule;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to enable the Government employees to get treatment without paying anything in private hospitals in all types of treatment;